



MRS. ELIZABETH DAVIS  
Mayor of South Haven

## Lady Mayor Claims Manager's Suite

# Whose New Office--His Or Hers?

By TOM RENNER

South Haven Correspondent

SOUTH HAVEN — Is it his or hers?

The South Haven city council will have to decide if an office in the new \$565,000 city hall should be occupied by City Manager Albert Pierce or newly-elected Mayor Elizabeth Davis.

Pierce went to work yesterday thinking the office was his as designated by the floor plan which was approved by the city council.

He was greeted by Mayor Davis who announced she intended to occupy that space and Pierce would have to find quarters elsewhere.

Rather than risk a contest of eminent domain on the spot, Pierce put his belongings in an office that had been intended for the code enforcement officer.

Mayor Davis did not physically occupy the office yesterday, but a check by a reporter revealed some equipment had been moved in. And a nameplate on the door designating the city manager's office had been removed.

Tuesday was official moving day for most city employees into the

new building from the 70-year-old city hall. But the office rights hassle caused changes of location from the original plan for seven employees.

The controversy will be left up to a special public meeting of the city council called for 6:30 p.m. Thursday in the old city hall.

Purpose of the meeting, according to City Clerk Rita Verdonk,

### South Haven's New City Hall Produces A Controversy

will be "to determine if the mayor should have an office in the city hall building and if the office originally designed for the city manager to carry out his duties efficiently for the city should be taken by the mayor for her personal use."

Alderman Robert Warren said the idea of the mayor's taking the space intended for the city manager was first presented to the

council Monday night by Mayor Davis during an executive session.

Warren and Alderman Norvan Books said they left the executive session with the impression that the city manager would move into the office originally designated for him.

Warren said he and Books sought the public meeting believing that the mayor "had usurped what we thought was a decision reached the previous night (Monday)."

"I believe we must abide by the charter which governs our form of government and this action by the mayor violates it," said Warren.

Under the city charter, the council and mayor are elected by the people to serve as the legislative or policy-making body. The city manager is hired by the council as chief administrative officer of the city.

Mayor Davis' intentions to have an office in city hall were no secret. She disclosed that in her inaugural address last month. But up until Monday night, most council members thought she would take a room off the council chambers or an area in the suite of the

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ALBERT PIERCE  
South Haven City Manager

# Trucker Slain In Delaware

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

A trucker was shot and killed on a Delaware road in the shutdown by independent truckers, and officials warned of possible food shortages in some areas if the tie-up continues much longer.

Thousands more workers were laid off due to shortages in affected industries.

Leonard Fleet, attorney and spokesman for the Council of Independent Truckers, Tuesday

night urged the drivers to continue their shutdown after President Nixon attempted to halt the strike by freezing the price of diesel fuel.

Spokesmen for independent truckers elsewhere around the country were also dissatisfied with Nixon's move. In Olympia, Wash., J. W. Edwards, head of the Owner-Operator and Independent Drivers Association of America, called the administration move "just more promises."

The dead trucker, identified as Claude Nix, 50, of St. Stevens, S.C., was reportedly shot from a passing car on U.S. 13 in Delaware on Tuesday. Police said they were looking for a couple in a late model auto.

Brick-throwing incidents were reported in Pennsylvania and New Mexico, and truckers in Iowa and New Mexico displayed bullet holes in their rigs.

Authorities escorted some trucks in Ohio and Pennsylvania. Kentucky Gov. Wendell H. Ford activated 1,000 National Guardsmen and said trucks will begin running in convoys today for added protection.

"Based on all information available, the situation is critical," Ford said. He added that some communities were experiencing serious food, fuel and material shortages.

West Virginia Gov. Arch A. Moore Jr. ordered armed National Guard troops to ride in each truck in five West Virginia counties hardest hit by the shutdown.

He said anyone picketing fuel terminals, truck stops or other areas in the five-county region will be arrested for trespassing.

Guardsmen also stood guard on Ohio, Michigan and Pennsylvania highways.

More than 75,000 layoffs have been reported since the widespread trucker shutdown began last Thursday. In the auto industry alone, more than 26,000 workers were off the job in Wisconsin, Ohio, Illinois, Missouri and Indiana because of parts shortages.

In Evansville, Ind., the National Association of Retail Grocers predicted shortages of meat and other perishable foods within the next 10 days if the shutdown continues. Indiana, Kentucky, Ohio and Pennsylvania would be hardest hit, and the association urged shoppers to avoid panic buying.

Spokesman for New England food stores predicted there may be critical shortages of meat and produce by the weekend.

More optimistic reports came from the South Florida vegetable farmers. Officials said

truckers who deliver the crop to northern cities are not honoring the nationwide truck strike but fear of violence and the fuel shortage are making their trips take longer.

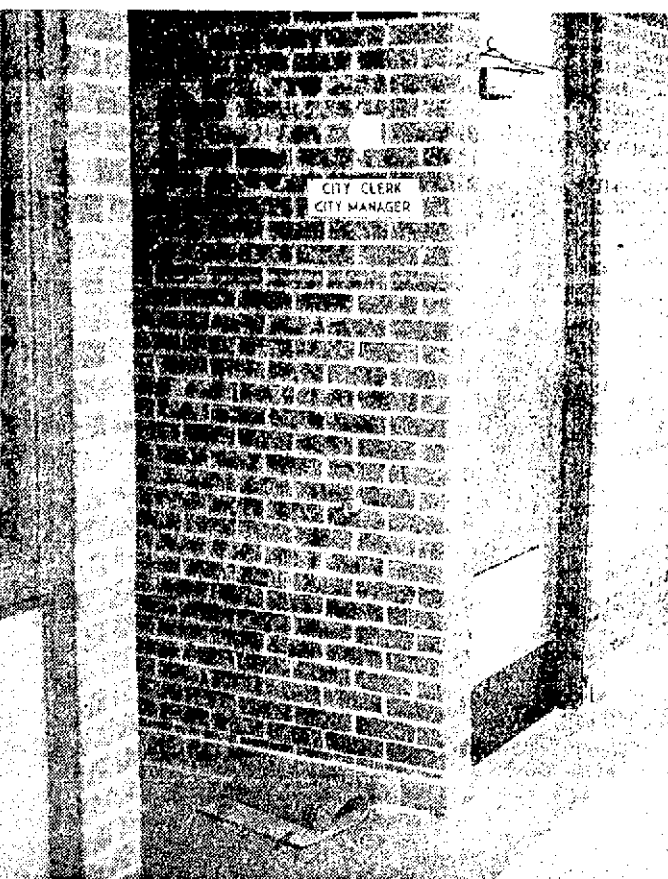
However, Florida fruit markets said shipments were at a standstill because of the truckers' action.

### In Middle

Southwestern Michigan continued to be caught in the middle of a battle between independent truckers and their enemies, the oil companies and government regulations. There were at least two reports of serious truck vandalism and drivers said they were warned against working during the shutdown by the rebels. See article on page 23.



WHOSE QUARTERS?: Office in new South Haven city hall originally was intended for City Manager Albert Pierce, but it's now being claimed by Mayor Elizabeth Davis. Signs in corridor



direct way to city manager's office and office of city clerk. (Tom Renner photos)

## OTHER TOP NEWS

### PARTS ARE LOW

Michigan automakers are running short of parts as a result of the truck strike and Gov. William G. Milliken has sent telegrams to several top federal officials, urging quick settlement of the strike, warning of its imminent economic impact on Michigan. Story of page 15.

### TRUCKERS SAY NO

Independent truckers Tuesday rejected President Nixon's attempts to settle the work stoppage that has struck hard at commerce in Mid-America. See article on page 40.

### INJURIES INCREASE

The number of Michigan school children injured in traffic accidents in early morning darkness has jumped sharply since Daylight Saving Time was imposed in January, police statistics show. See story on state page

### NEW MILLIONAIRE

Michigan's lottery has solved all the money problems of an Ohio woman. Ruth E. Cutter, a 54-year-old cosmetic saleslady and school bus driver from West Unity, Ohio, and the mother of six children, became the ninth winner of a millionaire drawing yesterday at Saginaw. Story on page 38.

# Hearsts Ask Kidnapers To Reply

## Heiress Abducted In California

BERKELEY, Calif. (AP) —

Police report some progress in the nationwide search for kidnapped newspaper heiress Patricia Hearst. Her father pleaded for word from her abductors.

"We want our daughter back unharmed," Randolph A. Hearst, president and editor of the San Francisco Examiner, said Tuesday.

"If she is released, we will not seek to imprison her abductors. We plead with them to communicate with us direct or

through the press."

Miss Hearst, 19-year-old granddaughter of the late William Randolph Hearst, founder of the Hearst newspaper and magazine publishing empire, was kidnapped from her Berkeley apartment Monday night amid a barrage of gunfire.

Her fiancé, Steven A. Weed, was beaten brutally. The young couple were engaged in December and planned to wed in early summer.

Police said there has been no word on Miss Hearst's whereabouts and no ransom note.

"Some progress is being made, but nothing to lead us to believe it will lead us to an early conclusion," Berkeley Police Lt. Henry C. Sanders said.

John Kelly, assistant special FBI agent in San Francisco, said, "No ransom has been requested as far as we know. The presumption is that they

have gone over state lines."

Kelly refused to elaborate. Authorities scoured the tree-lined neighborhood where Miss Hearst lived about one-quarter mile south of the University of California campus. The wall beside her apartment was marked by bullet holes, and the sliding glass front door was shattered.

Police said a young white woman knocked at the apartment Monday night and Weed, 26, opened the door. The young visitor said she had been in an auto accident and asked to use the telephone. Weed said he refused.

Police said two black men then rushed through the door and beat Weed, mauled a neighbor who ran to help and dragged a screaming Miss Hearst to a nearby stolen car. She was thrown into the trunk of the vehicle.

The car was found abandoned a few blocks away. Police said Peter Benenson, 31, owner of the car, was held briefly by the kidnapers but was released unharmed. Police said they had questioned Benenson, but they refused to disclose any details.

Officers said a public file at Sproul Hall, the administration building at the Cal campus where both Miss Hearst and Weed were students, was found opened to her name, address and telephone number. It was one of 30,000 such cards located in a public lobby.

Weed, who holds a bachelor's degree from Princeton University, is a graduate student in philosophy at Cal; Miss Hearst is a sophomore majoring in

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OBJECT OF POLICE SEARCH: Berkeley, Calif. police are making an intensive search for Patricia Hearst, 19, pictured here with her fiancé, Steven Weed. Police said Miss Hearst was abducted from her Berkeley apartment on Monday night. Officers said the kidnapper badly beat Miss Hearst's fiancé and beat and tied a neighbor who ran to her aid. (AP Wirephoto)



SITE OF ABDUCTION: This is the building in Berkeley, Calif., where Patricia Campbell Hearst, granddaughter of the late publisher William Randolph Hearst, lived in an apartment and from which she was abducted Monday night, according to police. Police said shots were fired as Miss Hearst was spirited away in an auto. (AP Wirephoto)

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Editorial Page

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Bland Budget Woven  
From Same Old Fibers

Because it is weeks beyond the Christmas excitement or yet weeks from spring, February has a way of being the least exhilarating month for those of us in the northern clime who are not to the islands or skiing in Colorado.

The budget for fiscal 1974-75 handed by President Nixon to Congress seems woven from the same between seasons fibers.

Though the largest ever as measured in dollars, it follows the same pattern of being larger than the preceding budget, accompanied by a built-in deficit.

The budget lacks sparkle for two reasons.

Held on the defensive by Watergate, Nixon is not in a position to argue to the last ditch with Congress on how much Uncle Sam should spend starting next July 1st and for what.

Coming from the other side is the economic slowdown taking place against a renewed inflationary build-up. A relaxation in the energy crunch could reduce those countervailing pressures, but the prospect is that for an indeterminate stretch into the future the country will have to adjust its affairs in line with what energy is available to move the total economy along.

Nixon's advisors consequently are framing a budget which seeks conciliation with a hostile Congress and which proposes to outspend unemployment without unduly inspiring the price level to greater heights.

This teeter-totter atmosphere shows forth in all sections of the budget devoted to nonmilitary purposes.

Two of the larger samples are an expansion in the payroll to man the innumerable bureaus flourishing in the Potomac watershed, and a welfare overhaul built around the concept of a guaranteed income. More money for subsidized housing also fits into this relief plan.

Each is a violent departure from prior Nixon dicta calling for disciplined spending.

Judging for the moment by initial comments from individual House and Senate members, the military portion of the budget, better than 26 per cent of its \$304.4 billion total, is the likeliest area of disagreement between Nixon and Congress.

It is up several billions from the current allotment because it is costing more to field a purely volunteer armed force and because the services, the

Navy in particular, need re-equipping.

The latter is crucial if the U.S. is to continue dealing with the Soviet Union from a position of strength. More than a suspicion exists today that, technologically speaking, the Soviet navy compares to our own in the manner of the first ironclads taking on a wooden frigate.

Unfortunately this critical question may be given a political answer which first counts the votes from the unemployed and the relief rolls. Further, the Armed Forces have lost a number of key friends in Congress through death and retirement.

One major insertion in the budget is the \$10 billion energy redevelopment and research program highlighted in the State of the Union message. It is a five-year plan, as drafted now, and is cast in a seed money role to generate a private industry commitment 20 times its size.

If the budget lacks the fireworks of preceding Presidential recommendation, it must be remembered that Watergate and the energy recession are additions to history rather than sole causes in their own right.

Roughly three-quarters of the \$304.4 billion total is to continue what is essential and that which is open to a certain amount of questioning.

National defense, for example, can not be cut back without endangering the country itself.

Unwieldy as it is, Social Security is part of the nation's fabric. It could be streamlined, but not even the most diehard conservative would recommend its elimination.

To standbys of that nature must be added HUD's on going blunders in rebuilding the cities and HEW's inability to get a handle on welfare. A dictator, if so minded, would reduce those elements to size by the stroke of a pen. In a democracy, the problem takes on the skill of turning an elephant around in the parlor.

The brightest aspect in the budget is the proposal not to increase taxes other than the dubious plan to lay a penalty assessment on the petroleum industry. Even this is tempered with the thought that the project deficit of \$9 billion could easily double if receipts forecast in the budget fall short.

Considering, though, how Watergate kept '73 in a tailspin, maybe blandness in the budget is what the country does need.

Patriotism Manifests  
Itself In Varied Ways

Patriotism sometimes manifests itself in strange ways. The Cuban exiles who burglarized Democratic National Headquarters at the Watergate Office Building could claim that they were acting to save the homeland they loved. Student militants who looted and burned to bring peace in Vietnam and equal rights to all Americans often insisted that they were acting to restore the ideals and basic decency of the nation. And two anti-establishment heroes — Dr. Daniel Ellsberg and Soviet physicist Andrei D. Sakharov — reject any insinuation that they have compromised the vital interests of their respective countries.

SANE, which describes itself as a national organization working to

educate the public on peace and disarmament issues, will present the Eleanor Roosevelt Peace Awards for 1973 to Ellsberg and Sakharov on Sunday, Feb. 10, in New York. Ellsberg was chosen for his decision to release the Pentagon Papers and Sakharov for his "courageous work for peaceful co-existence with humanist values, carried out at great personal risk."

The SANE peace award, which was first presented in 1962, has gone to such anti-war spokesmen as Sen. George McGovern (D S.D.), Benjamin M. Spock, Norman Thomas and Martin Luther King Jr. Like Ellsberg and Sakharov, these men have been called unpatriotic by some.

Nevertheless, a Central Intelligence Agency psychological study of Ellsberg, prepared for the White House on August 1971, concluded that "there is no suggestion that subject thought anything treasonous in his act. Rather, he seemed to be responding to what he deemed a higher order of patriotism." And while dissident leader Andrei Sakharov has been vilified in his native country as a "renegade and turncoat" for his advocacy of individual rights and humane detente with the West, there is ample evidence that many Russians regard the father of the Soviet hydrogen bomb as a true patriot.

More Midnight Oil

Now there's a missile warhead called MARV which can be maneuvered in mid-course — and which boosts the demand for midnight oil at the Kremlin.

'You Have Spent Your Entire Inheritance!'



GLANCING BACKWARDS

SMITH AND TOBIAS  
TO BE UNOPPOSED  
— 1 Year Ago —

For the second straight year, the April St. Joseph City Commission election will be just a formality and there will be no primary election on Feb. 19 for the two commission seats available. According to St. Joseph City Clerk Charles Rhodes, the Jan. 30 deadline for filing nominating petitions passed with only Mayor Franklin Smith and Mayor Pro-Tem C.A. Tobias filing petitions.

Smith is serving his sixth year on the commission and his first as mayor. Tobias has been a commissioner for eight years. Both were elected to the commission by popular vote while the jobs of mayor and mayor pro-tem were voted them by their fellow commissioners.

SENDS WORD  
TO ST. JOE  
— 10 Years Ago —

Formal approval of St. Joseph's request for early land disposition on the courthouse square project was announced this morning by Rep. Edward Hutchinson. Hutchinson said he has received confirmation of the approval from the Federal Housing and Home Finance Agency of the urban renewal administration. The approval clears the way for the sale of the city block west of the county jail by the city of St. Joseph to the Berrien County building authority.

KIWANIS OBSERVE  
SCOUT WEEK  
— 35 Years Ago —

Dr. J. J. McDermott will be program chairman for meeting tomorrow noon of the St. Joseph Kiwanis club a Lake View hotel,

and the program will honor national Boy Scout week. Oscar Noll, Boy Scout executive in this area, is to bring a group of scouts for a short program.

Also the Kiwanis will hear a Cincinnati, O., Kiwanian, George W. Campbell, who is a nationally known community song leader, and is remembered as the community song leader the 1936 convention. Mr. Campbell is to speak in Benton Harbor at the Methodist Peace Temple.

SAVED BY DOG'S BARK  
— 45 Years Ago —

A pet dog's bark led to the discovery of a fire in the basement of the home of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Conrad at 1411 Napier avenue early today and enabled Mr. and Mrs. Conrad to save their lives. Only speedy work of firemen saved the life of the dog, which was overcome by smoke. The pet was found lifeless in the basement and was revived by artificial respiration. The home was partially destroyed by the fire. Loss was estimated at \$1,000.

RETURN TO BANGOR  
— 55 Years Ago —

Mr. and Mrs. L.E. Marrs, who have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Decker for a few days, returned to their home in Bangor yesterday.

DENTISTS IN NILES  
— 65 Years Ago —

Berrien, Cass, St. Joseph and Branch counties were represented at the dentists' convention at the Pike House in Niles yesterday. The meeting was primarily for the purpose of promoting the interests of dentists in this part of the state and to hold semi-annual conventions. This city was represented by Doctors Honey, Backus and Keeler; Benton Harbor, by Dr. S.M. White. Officers elected were: President, F.H. Essig, Dowagiac; vice president, W.A. Cook, Coldwater; secretary, S.W. Honey, St. Joseph; treasurer, H.A. Bowie, Three Oaks.

HAPPINESS IS  
KEEPING IN TOUCH

As I read Lillian Guy's letter from Decatur about the grandchildren writing letters to their grandmothers and great-grandmothers. I have one great-grandson, 18, Loren Simmons, in the Navy in Thailand, and he writes often and has called me by telephone, and I want to say I was sure thrilled. Also, a great-granddaughter, 19, Alicia Stimson, living in California, and she calls me by telephone and writes often and her one year old son, Stevie, my great-great-grandson, said Hi to me on the telephone.

I say you must let them know how much you appreciate their keeping in touch with you. I have 11 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren, those that don't live too far away come to see us real often. I love them all and feel proud of them. I am 80 years old but they still keep in contact with us.

Mrs. Harold Selters  
Watervliet.

ADAM DESCENDANT DIES  
BOSTON (AP) — Abigail Adams Homans, 94, great-great-granddaughter of John Adams, the second president of the United States, died Monday.

Bruce Blossat

What Offense Is  
Nixon Guilty Of?



WASHINGTON (NEA) — Depending, obviously, upon the nature of the evidence brought before it, the Congress could have a great deal of difficulty in deciding whether or not President Nixon has been guilty of an impeachable offense in Watergate and related matters.

The basic problem is that there is no precedent in this field. It is absurd to contend that decisions affecting removal from office of lesser federal officials are any real guide. They are not. The presidency is special and apart.

As everybody knows, the only serious previous try at impeachment of a president came with President Andrew Johnson. Technically, the endeavor was rooted in his defiance of a civil congressional statute forbidding him to discharge his Secretary of War.

On technical grounds, Johnson could justify his action as resistance to encroachment on his proper executive powers. But everyone understood that this narrow approach was not significant and that the impeachment enterprise was a move of political revenge against him for his post-Civil War policies.

No judicial clarity was gained, then, as to what the constitutional framers had in mind when they said a president could be impeached for "high crimes and misdemeanors."

There is a widely held view today that, in the absence of

explicit definition of that phrase, it can include presidential misconduct which is not criminal nor within the bounds of the penal code.

Former Attorney General Elliot Richardson, who resigned last fall after the President's firing of Special Watergate Prosecutor Archibald Cox, is among those who believe impeachment can be "laid on" when the President is found responsible for abuses not covered in the usual definition of a crime.

Richardson, however, clearly understands the difficulty. The immediate follow-up question, he says, is what kind of behavior or what kind of abuses is sufficient to warrant impeachment?

If any evidence exists anywhere — in the possession of the relevant grand juries, in the hands of Special Prosecutor Leon Jaworski, in the Senate Watergate committee or in the approaching testimony of indictable Nixon aides — that the President had any definable role in the Watergate cover-up (or the event itself), then he could be judged guilty of such a real crime as obstruction of justice. That would make impeachment efforts easy.

Yet, as Richardson and others perceive, it could be a "tough call" if Mr. Nixon's link to the sordid Watergate transgressions is merely vague and suggestive.

Marianne Means

Nixon Unaware  
Of Real Threat



WASHINGTON — There will be an on-the-record vote by the House of Representatives on whether to impeach President Nixon, no matter what the Judiciary Committee decides as a result of its study.

Few people realize that the full House cannot escape passing historic judgment now on the President, even if the committee should report that it has found no ground for impeachment.

Neither did President Nixon until about three weeks ago.

House Minority Leader John Rhodes, R., Ariz., spent two hours discussing the impeachment problem privately in the Oval Office with the President last month. He later told Republican colleagues he was astonished to discover the President was confident the committee would kill the impeachment move, and that would be the end of it.

"I don't think anybody in the White House has ever discussed the problem frankly with him," Rep. Rhodes said, in a voice described as quivering with political shock.

Rhodes bluntly pointed out to the President that the committee has a liberal majority, believed to be inclined toward voting out a resolution for im-

peachment. And he added that impeachment will be raised for a full House vote in any event.

The President seemed astonished, and indicated that he had not fully recognized the seriousness of the threat. It was immediately after his session with Rhodes that he began telling groups and individuals that he meant to fight it out, after weeks of solitude and silence.

It is curious that the President should be so ill informed about a problem that goes to the heart of his very survival in office. He is a former Congressman himself, and should be familiar with its parliamentary procedures.

Impeachment is a privileged resolution, which means that any member of the House could force a vote on the issue tomorrow. Speaker Carl Albert and Majority Leader Thomas P. (Tip) O'Neill Jr., however, have leaned on the most impatient members, like Rep. Robert Drihan, D., Mass., to hold their tongues until the Judiciary Committee finishes its work.

The committee may refuse to issue a report, may file a report to the House that impeachment is unwarranted, or may recommend that the House vote to impeach. At that point, some member is certain to move on the floor to vote on the issue, either to approve or disapprove the committee action or to approve one of the many impeachment resolutions.

The House leadership has promised the Democratic caucus that an individual will be recognized, the one-hour rule limiting such floor debate will be expanded, and history will be made the hard way.

'Eugenics' Policy  
Under Attack

WASHINGTON (AP) — Accusing the government of adopting a policy of eugenics, a lawyer representing sterilized mothers and children is planning to seek a federal court order to block new federal sterilization rules.

Joseph J. Levin Jr., general counsel of the Southern Poverty Law Center, said the regulations are "nothing more than a eugenics program seeking to insure that mentally retarded people are not born one generation after another."

BERRY'S WORLD

MUDDLE  
THROUGH







LT. JAMES COLLIS  
Certified By State

## BH Fireman Is First To Qualify As Instructor

Lt. James Collis of the Benton Harbor fire department is the first in the Twin Cities to be certified as a fire training instructor by the State of Michigan Fire Fighters Training Council.

Collis earned the certificate by completing a home study course and taking classes in Grand Rapids.

Benton Harbor Fire Chief Harold Gaddie sees the new program as very significant in lifting professional fire fighting standards throughout the state.

First, says Gaddie, any

fireman now trained by Collis will be a certified fire fighter, capable of meeting specified requirements.

Second, it is a start toward standardization of fire fighting techniques and equipment. Pumpers may look alike but there can be subtle differences in threads and other tooling that can prevent one department from assisting another.

And, training through the state council could lead to inter-departmental promotions, an officer transferring from one city to another with a boost in rank and retaining seniority.

Gaddie says there are pension rights and other matters to be resolved, but it is a step in that direction.

Collis, a 10-year veteran of the department, takes every training opportunity that comes his way. He holds a certificate from Michigan Tech in radiological monitoring for instructors, and a University of Michigan extension service certificate in fire instructor training techniques.

St. Joseph Capt. Edward Bennett has a provisional certificate and is just a step away from full certification by the State Fire Fighters Training council.

## Benton Tax Deadline Feb. 28

Benton township residents now have until Feb. 28 to pay taxes without a 3 per cent penalty as a result of action by the Benton township board of trustees last night.

The board voted unanimously to waive the 3 per cent interest charge for persons paying after Feb. 14, when a penalty usually is assessed.

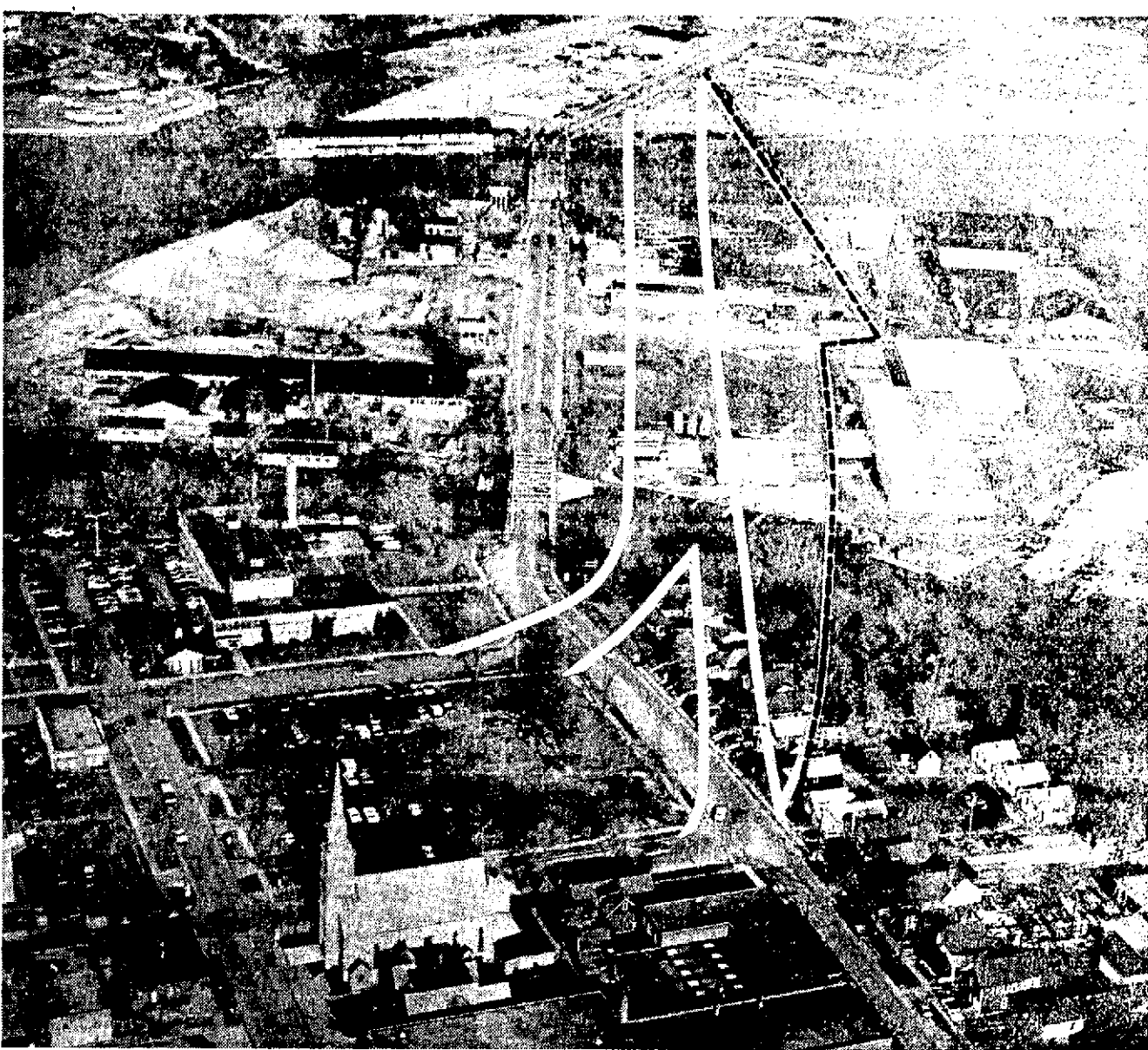
After Feb. 28, collections will be turned over to the county, and the 3 per cent interest charge will be imposed.

Treasurer James Culby reported \$2.9 million in taxes had been collected as of Monday against a spread of over \$4.7 million. Culby said the rate is "slightly ahead" of last year.

He also noted the tax office will be open on two Saturdays—Feb. 9 and 23—from 9 a.m. to noon in addition to regular week day hours.

### Initiated

Michael R. Conlin, son of Mrs. Shirley Conlin, 191 Windsor road, Fairplain, has been initiated into Beta Alpha Phi, national honorary fraternity for accountants, at Western Michigan university, where he is a junior.



**ACQUIRING PROPERTY:** The State Highway department is seeking 19 parcels of property in the Twin Cities for construction of new four lane bridges over the Morrison channel and St. Joseph river. The department's right-of-way office in Portage reported that agreement had been reached on 10 parcels which are under option, and four parcels have been turned over to the attorney general for condemnation with two suits filed. Negotiations are

proceeding on the others. Bridges and approaches will be built inside white lines from St. Joseph (foreground) to Benton Harbor. Land at right between white line and broken border is needed for right-of-way or construction of access road on Radio island near Industrial avenue. State intends to have estimated \$5 million project under contract late this year, about four years behind original target date. (Aerial photo by Adolph Hann)

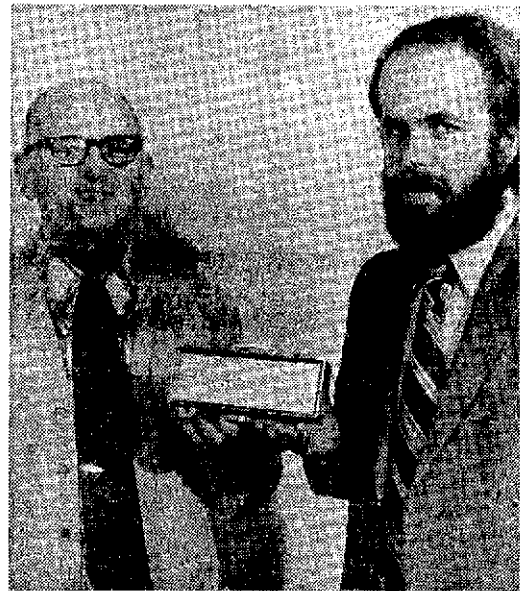
## Twin Cities Stores Not Going Hungry

Shopping baskets in the Twin Cities area should continue to remain full this week, despite a strike by independent truck drivers.

A number of supermarkets surveyed by this newspaper Tuesday said supplies are holding up well, although some shipments are "spotty."

Some store managers said produce from Florida is not being delivered in the same volume as before, but produce from California continues to come in, since it is shipped most of the way by rail.

Some managers also said meat may begin to get scarce as a number of packing houses have been forced to close due to the strike.



**TIME TO CHANGE:** Ernest Huckaba (left) was first and only president of United Landlords of Berrien County until this year when he declined a third term. New president Charles Veverka, of St. Joseph, presents Huckaba with a clock on behalf of landlords. Huckaba, of Benton Harbor, was president in 1972 when a handful of landlords organized as United Landlords of Benton Harbor, then went county-wide with a membership of 134 representing more than 1,500 rental units. Other officers this year are Rex Sheeley, vice president; Maurice Bishop, executive vice president; Pat Glade, secretary-treasurer; Oly Furlan, parliamentarian.

## Judge Dismisses Charge Against Benton Fireman

A charge of receiving and concealing stolen property valued over \$100 against a Benton township fireman was dismissed Tuesday in Berrien Fifth District court by District Judge John T. Hammond.

Steve Knuth, 26, of 1126 Louis drive, Benton township, was one of three firemen facing the same charge. The other two — Lts. Lawrence Harris, 35, of 1135 Nickerson, and Richard J. (Joe) Joseph, 47, of 337 Madeline, both of Benton township — were bound over to Berrien Circuit court Jan. 24. At that time, Knuth's case was taken under advisement by Judge Hammond.

After studying a copy of Knuth's District court examination, Hammond stated this conclusion yesterday: "The Prosecuting Attorney did not offer or introduce evidence sufficient to identify the stolen property in question."

Knuth had been accused of receiving a snowblower on Nov. 28 that the prosecutor alleged was stolen. Hammond said that the prosecution failed to prove that the snowblower was stolen, embezzled, or fraudulently obtained. Hammond said the snowblower in question was not new but used.

## BH-Benton Model Cities Gets \$50,000 Grant

The Benton Harbor-Benton township Model Cities program will receive a \$50,000 grant to help continue local problems until new community development proposals are enacted, the Department of Housing and Urban Development regional office in Chicago announced.

Melvin Farmer, Jr., executive director of the local Model Cities program, said the money was appropriated for the 1972-73 fiscal year, but impounded with other funds by President Nixon. The funds were then released late last year, Farmer noted.

Farmer said the \$50,000 will help fill the void between the time Model Cities would be phased

out by next June 30, and the start of substitutes, such as federal revenue sharing.

The \$50,000 is part of \$22 million awarded to six Midwestern states for Model Cities programs and \$75 million, released nationwide.

Amounts listed for other Michigan cities are: Ann Arbor, \$160,000; Detroit, \$4.3 million; Genesee county- Flint, \$563,000; Grand Rapids, \$333,000; Lansing, \$529,000.

Farmer said Model Cities IS SCHEDULED TO END AFTER NEXT YEAR, but participating cities have been seeking continuing legislation in Congress. No such legislation has yet been passed.

## Samaritan Center Opening

# Ministers Named As Counselors

BY SCOTT WILLIAMSON  
Staff Writer

Three Twin Cities ministers are among the staff members of the new Samaritan Center, a non-denominational counseling program that will soon open in the First Congregational church in Benton Harbor.

The Samaritan Center board of trustees announced the appointments of Dr. Arlo Compaan, the Rev. Ralph Datema, and the Rev. Theodore Kennedy as counselors. Mrs. Samuel Henderson will be chief administrator and Mrs. Larry Ernst will serve as administrative secretary.

Samaritan Center will open on Monday, Feb. 18, and will be open every Monday thereafter. Appointments may be made by calling 925-0897 any day.

Mrs. Henderson said a counseling fee of \$10 per hour will be charged, although clients may volunteer their services for work with community agencies to work off the charge. Time will be counted against the bill at \$2 per hour, she said.

Mrs. Henderson emphasized that the new Samaritan Center will not replace any existing Twin Cities organization, but that much of its work will consist of referral of clients to other agencies.

Founded by the Special Programs committee of the Congregational church, one of the Samaritan Center's chief values will be that it will offer counseling to those who feel most comfortable in a church setting, she explained.

Dr. Compaan, senior counselor, is pastor of the Christian Reformed church in St. Joseph. He received his doctor of theology degree in pastoral care and counseling from the School of Theology at Claremont in

Claremont, Calif.

Prior to coming to the Twin Cities, he was assistant director of the Chino Area Pastoral counseling center in California and also was a pastoral counselor in the Claremont Area pastoral counseling center.

Rev. Datema, new associate pastor of the Zion Evangelical and Reformed church in St. Joseph, has extensive counseling experience. A former teacher, he holds a master's degree in divinity from Eden Seminary in Webster Groves,

Mo., specializing in counseling and developmental psychology. Rev. Datema received his pastoral education certificate from State hospital No. 2 in St. Joseph, Mo. He now serves as a counselor at the juvenile center in Berrien Center.

Rev. Kennedy, minister at the Unitarian Fellowship of Berrien county, St. Joseph, also brings broad counseling experience to the staff. He received his bachelor's degree in divinity from the Crane Theological

school at Tufts university in Medford, Mass., and will receive his master's degree in school psychology this summer from Duquesne university in Pittsburgh.

Before coming to the Twin Cities, Rev. Kennedy was director of the drug abuse program at the Staunton clinic in Sewickley, Pa. He is also a volunteer counselor for child and family services and for the Benton Harbor satellite program of the Riverwood com-

munity mental health center.

Mrs. Henderson holds a bachelor's degree in social work from DePauw university in Greencastle, Ind., and worked with the LaPorte, Ind., school system in counseling. While in Indiana, she helped set up and administer a nursery school and day care center.

Mrs. Ernst, who will work part-time for the Samaritan center, is assistant secretary for the First Congregational church.



**SAMARITAN CENTER STAFF:** Staff members of new Samaritan center, non-denominational counseling service slated to open Feb. 18 at First Congregational church, Benton Harbor, discuss plans. Seated are Mrs. Larry Ernst (left), ad-

ministrative secretary and Mrs. Samuel Henderson, chief administrator. Counselors are (from left) Rev. Theodore Kennedy, Dr. Arlo Compaan, and Rev. Ralph Datema. (Staff photo)

# Keeler Officials Approve Raises

**KEELER** — Pay raises for Keeler township elected officials were approved by the Keeler township board last night.

The board boosted the supervisor's pay from \$3,700 to \$5,000 yearly and increased the annual salary of the treasurer and clerk by \$300 to \$3,150 each.

The trustees per meeting pay was boosted from \$10.55 to \$20.

Action was taken in view of a requirement that

salaries for a new year be acted upon 60 days before the annual township meeting.

In other areas, the board approved a request for a liquor by the glass license for the Keeler tavern.

Treasurer John Sherer announced a dog clinic would be held at the Sister Lakes fire station Saturday, Feb. 23, from 2-5 p.m. A veterinarian will be present to administer shots to the animals and licenses will be

sold.

Supervisor John Gillesby said the county's association of townships is considering adopting a standard building code for use throughout the county. A licensed building inspector, he said, would have to be employed.

The board voted to pay \$16,551 to the county road commission for road work done by the commission in the township.



## Injuries To Children Nearly Double Under DST

By HUGH MORGAN  
Associated Press Writer

LANSING, Mich. (AP) — Police statistics show the number of Michigan schoolchildren injured in traffic accidents in early morning darkness has jumped sharply since Daylight Savings Time was imposed in January.

Forty-two young pedestrians were injured in accidents in the Jan. 6-31 period this year, compared to 23 last year, State Police said in a report to the State Education Department.

During DST, the sun rises an hour later in the morning and the sky did not become light until 9 a.m. during the earlier

winter weeks, even in the eastern sections of the state. Clocks were set up an hour Jan. 6 under a federal law designed to save energy.

The move was greeted with bellows of protest from parents, who complained their children were going to school in the dark.

Gov. William G. Milliken last week formally requested President Nixon to work for the repeal of winter DST, saying it did not save sufficient energy to justify the accompanying problems.

State Police contacted 360 local police stations to get statis-

tics, which were released at a State Board of Education meeting Tuesday night. The survey covered only those accidents occurring between 7 and 9 a.m.

"The quickest conclusion one tends to draw is that Daylight Savings Time is the cause of this," said Philip Kearney, assistant superintendent in the State Education Department.

"Undoubtedly it has some influence on it," he said in an interview. "I don't know you can really attribute 100 per cent of the cause strictly to DST, but it is apparent a problem exists."

There were two fatalities in the period in 1973, but none this

year, despite the number of increased accidents.

While the morning schooltime accidents surged in January, the month also was an exception because of the great decline in traffic deaths. State Police said there were 96 traffic deaths last month, compared to 187 in January 1973. Authorities credited the decline to less traffic volume and slower highway speeds, apparently caused by the energy shortage.

Statistics showed that the jump in pedestrian accidents came primarily because of mishaps involving youths aged 13 through 16. Statistics showed 31 youths in the age group were involved in pedestrian accidents this year, compared to eight a year ago.

## Loan Is Sought By Watervliet

WATERVLIET — Watervliet city commission last night voted to seek a \$355,000 federal loan for a proposed water system improvement project if interest on a normal financing method exceeds five per cent.

Watervliet Mayor Robert

Flaherty signed a letter of intent to seek the loan after Larry Smith, a representative of the federal Farmers Home administration, outlined 34 conditions the city must meet to qualify for the loan, if sought. The possible financing

method would give the city a choice for financing if the more normal method, a sale of bonds, resulted in the over five per cent interest rate on the loan.

The city has 120 days to complete the conditions, which include legal and engineering work and clear the way for the selling of bonds by mid-June.

The loan from either source would be repaid from water revenues or other city sources. It would be used to finance construction of a 500,000 gallon water storage tank and a new well with a 2,000 gallon per minute capacity.

The improvements also call for the fluoridation of the water supply. New water lines will be installed and some existing lines replaced.

Carlton R. Winch, 247 West Parsons, objected to adding fluoride to the water. Winch said the city's plan is a "waste of taxpayers money" and does no good for the users. Winch's protest was referred to the water committee.

In other action, city commissioners set Tuesday, Feb. 19, at 8 p.m. as the date for a special meeting to learn of proposed plans of two developers concerning a 129-lot undeveloped subdivision in the city's northwest corner, known as the Lewis addition.

Commissioners referred a request to change the name and ownership franchise of Watervliet Cable TV to Paw Paw Lakes Area Cable TV company to City Atty. F. A. (Mike) Jones. The request was made by Atty. Samuel Henderson, representing the new owners Omega Communications, of Indianapolis, Ind., and the William Schloss family. A similar request was made before the Coloma city commission last month.

Commissioners approved extending the 1973 tax collection deadline from Feb. 14 to March 1, and waive the 3 per cent penalty until March 1, at the request of City Treasurer William Rogers.

### ON ARTS COUNCIL

LANSING, Mich. (AP) — Mrs. C. Peter Manos of Ann Arbor and Arthur L. Johnson of Detroit were appointed by Gov. William G. Milliken Monday to the Michigan Council for the Arts.



**10,000 'SNOOPY' HATCHES:** Mrs. Ilene Sheffer and some of her fifth grade students at Sylvester elementary school in Berrien Springs display a few of the 10,000 reflective patches designed to help motorists see youngsters in morning darkness. Patches were furnished free by Five-C Coordinating council of Michigan Education association for southern Berrien county. Designed with

white "Snoopy" on phosphorescent orange, patches carry the message "Berrien Teachers Care". Patches were distributed Tuesday to students in 10 districts in southern and central part of county. With Mrs. Sheffer are, left to right: Joe Lawshea, Debra Ragan, Joey Betchek, Sonya Grayam, Greg Van Scoyk. (Staff photo).

## Store Owner Dies In Crash

By GARRETT DeGRAFF  
Paw Paw Bureau

PAW PAW — John T. Thomas, 66, 710 Pine street, Paw Paw, was killed in a head-on crash on South Kalamazoo street yesterday, according to Paw Paw village police.

Thomas, co-owner of Thomas Brothers Equipment sales, Red Arrow highway west, Paw Paw, was southbound about 8:05 a.m. when a northbound vehicle driven by Candy Lee Lambert, 28, of Lawton, crossed into the southbound lane, Chief Wayne Groenendal said.

The Lambert vehicle had gone out of control on the bridge over I-94 and crossed the center line, the chief reported.

He said described road conditions as "slippery" at the time. Mrs. Lambert was reported in



**JOHN T. THOMAS**  
Killed in crash

for 55 years, and since 1935 has been co-owner of Thomas Brothers Equipment sales.

He is a member of the Knights of Columbus and the American Legion.

Surviving are his wife, Bertha; two children, Edward and Joann, both of Paw Paw; two brothers, Joseph Thomas and William Racki, both of Paw Paw; a sister, Mrs. Mary Peters of California.

Funeral services will be held Friday at 10 a.m. at St. Mary's church, Paw Paw, with the Reverend Father Leon Pohl officiating. Interment will be at St. Mary's cemetery.

Scripture services will be held 7:30 p.m. Thursday evening at St. Mary's church, followed by a Knight's of Columbus rosary at 8 p.m. at the Hawley Funeral home, Paw Paw.

Family suggests memorial contributions be made to the Michigan Heart fund in lieu of flowers.

### 4 Auto Deaths In Van Buren County In 1974

fair condition this morning at Bronson hospital, Kalamazoo, where she was taken after preliminary treatment at Lake View Community hospital, Paw Paw.

Thomas was pronounced dead on arrival at Lake View. An autopsy performed yesterday afternoon confirmed that Thomas died of crash injuries, Groenendal stated.

He said no charges have been brought against Mrs. Lambert in connection with the crash.

The fatality is the fourth on Van Buren county roads in 1974.

Mr. Thomas was born April 3, 1907 in Calumet.

He was a resident of Paw Paw



**TANKER TOPPLED:** Berrien sheriff's deputies have indicated brake failure, and not sabotage, was cause for this truck to roll over on I-94 near Stevensville about 11:20 a.m. yesterday. Tanker carrying 6,500 gallons of flammable toulene, used in manufacture of plastics, was enroute to Grand Rapids when mishap occurred. Driver, Dionico Garza, Jr., 38, of Westmont, Ill., was treated and released at Memorial hospital. White substance on tanker is foam, sprayed on as preventive measure by firemen from Benton and St. Joseph townships and Tri-Unit departments. Deputies said no ticket was issued. (Staff photo)

## Tires Cut, Drivers Harassed Truck Vandalism Reported Here

BY BILL RUSH  
Staff Writer

An outbreak of tire slashings reports of harassment of drivers, delayed mail deliveries and shipping problems at some industrial plants featured the continued spread of effects of the independent truckers' shutdown overnight in this area.

Berrien sheriff's deputies

### Shoreham Picks Date Of Proposed Election

Shoreham village council decided last night that biennial elections will start in 1976 if voters approve an amendment on the ballot at the village election March 11.

The council last month voted to put biennial elections on the ballot but did not declare an effective date. Last night's action means that if voters approve the amendment, a regular village election will be held in 1975, but starting in 1976 elections will be held every two years.

Clerk Janet Helsley reported Friday is the last day to register to vote in March 11 election. She also said the village caucus will be held Feb. 11.

### Oil Fire

KALKASKA, Mich. (AP) — Fire broke out at an oil field site near Kalkaska in northern Lower Michigan today but was brought under control in about an hour, Kalkaska County sheriff's deputies said.

Deputies said there were no injuries in the pre-dawn fire which began in what was described as a circulator.

reported 17 truck tires were slashed between 7 p.m. Monday and 8 p.m. Tuesday at the Silver Mills Frozen Foodplant in Eau Claire. The tires on three semi-trailer rigs were believed punctured by an ice pick. Damage was estimated at \$2,125.

Other tire slashings were reported by St. Joseph police at the rear of Kettelhut's Citgo service station, 921 Main street. Separate incidents were also reported at the Interstate Terminal System, M-139, Benton township, and at the Famous Truck Stop, 1860 Napier avenue, Benton township.

Two local motor freight companies also reported problems. Tom Schively, terminal manager for Associated Truck Lines, 535 Paw Paw avenue, Benton Harbor, said drivers are working but for the first time yesterday city carriers were stopped on the streets in Benton Harbor and told not to go out.

Jack Morton, terminal manager for Central Transport, 125 Industrial, St. Joseph, said his road drivers have been shut down since Friday night and that the company is just operating with a skeleton crew.

Auto Specialties is having problems getting material in or out, Bob Wolfe, traffic manager, said. He said city drivers for local carriers have been harassed and materials are piling up on the dock.

"Everybody's in the same boat," he said. Irv Kreter, of Whirlpool's St. Joseph division, said "in spite of the present trucker's strike affecting most of the county, the St. Joseph division has been fortunate to remain in operation. According to our material controls people we are operating on a day to day basis and it appears we will not have any problems for the remainder of this week."

Kreter said Whirlpool is get-

ting sufficient supplies but the truckers shutdown could require some adjustments because of the way parts are coming in.

Both St. Joseph and Benton Harbor post offices reported mail is coming through with some delays.

Jewell and A & P Food stores said there have been no

problems, yet in delivery of food.

Roger Petrie, Berrien county coordinator, said the county couldn't get anyone to deliver gasoline. He said he arranged to buy 5,300 gallons of gas from an oil company in Granger, Ind., with the proviso that two squad cars from the Berrien sheriff's department escort the tanker to

the sheriff's office and back.

A Michigan National Guard helicopter stationed at Ross field in the Twin Cities was able to patrol I-94 and other major truck routes in the area for a time Tuesday afternoon, after being grounded by the weather in the morning. The craft was held on the ground again this morning by poor visibility.

## Dowagiac Man Third Cass Traffic Fatality In '74

DOWAGIAC — Cass county recorded its third traffic fatality of the year yesterday with the death of Melvin M. Morris, 87, of 309 McOmber street, Dowagiac.

Morris died at 5:10 a.m. Tuesday at Lee Memorial hospital, Dowagiac, from injuries suffered when he was struck by a car Monday, according to city police.

Last year at this date, Cass

perty due to a fresh snowfall, and no charges were filed against the driver.

Surviving are a son Floyd of Longview, Wash., and four daughters, Mrs. Donald Yow of Dowagiac, with whom he made his home, Mrs. Winifred Reeves of Marcellus, Mrs. Loren Webber of Mishawaka, Ind., and Mrs. Mildred Bianahini of South Bend.

Mr. Morris had retired from

Oliver Corporation, South Bend, in 1953, moving to Dowagiac two years ago.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. (C.D.T.) Friday in the Bubbs funeral chapel, Mishawaka. Burial will be in Fairview cemetery, Mishawaka.

Friends may call at the funeral home from 7 until 9 this evening and Thursday from 2 until 4 and 7 until 9.

### 3 Auto Deaths In Cass County In 1974

county had recorded one traffic death.

Police said the accident occurred about 3:15 p.m. Monday, as Morris walked across Telegraph street at the intersection of North Front street.

According to officers, driver of the car, Lee David Topping, 18, of 416 West High street, Dowagiac, told them he started across the intersection on Telegraph street, before he saw the victim. Police said he attempted to stop, but his car slid into Morris.

Police said streets were slip-

### Berrien's Duplicators Report Busy Year

Berrien county government's central duplicating department in the courthouse, St. Joseph, cranked out 2.8 million printed pages in 1973, up 27 per cent from 1972.

Not bad for a department that started duplicating in 1966 with one employee, says Mrs. Margie Lange, supervisor. Her department printed, collated, bound and delivered the 2.8 million pages last year to some 30 departments under a \$38,200 annual budget — not including paper — and five employees.

But 1970 was the record year, when Mrs. Lange almost single-handedly printed 3.5 million pages. Much of it was massive runs of single items.

"We've found that it's better to run 500 or 1,000 copies at a time," Mrs. Lange says now.

## Even Worse Weather Predicted

Drifting snow closed a number of schools in northern Van Buren and southern Allegan counties today, and a heavy snow warning faced all of southwestern Michigan today and tonight.

Accompanying gusty 15-25 mile an hour winds were expected to produce deteriorating driving conditions on the roads and streets of the area by tonight.

Snowfall last night was generally reported around 1 to 1½ inches in Berrien county, but getting gradually

deeper across the northern part of Van Buren and southern Allegan counties. The Allegan sheriff's department reported 3 to 4 inches.

Drifting occurred mainly on north-south roadways, according to Paul Kaiser, Van Buren road commission engineer-manager.

Schools closed in Van Buren because of drifted roads were South Haven, Bangor, Bloomingdale, Gobles, Hartford Seventh Day Adventist, and the Arlington

school. Reported closed in southern Allegan county were Fennville and Saugatuck schools.

State police at Paw Paw said driving visibility on I-94 was reduced by blowing snow this morning.

The Grand Rapids weather bureau said the winds expected today would be out of the northeast and would be strong enough to cause considerable drifting.

Temperatures tonight are predicted around 9-14 degrees. Additional snow may develop Thursday.